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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE FOR SHORT SUPPLY

ACTION. SINGAPORE VIEWS

REF: STATE 74777

1. WE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF GETTING ACQUAINTED VISIT BY
TAN OF SINGAPORE MISSION TO BRIEF HIM RELATIVE U.S.G.
THINKING ON NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE FOR EXPORT
RESTRICTIONS.

2. TAN, WHO HAD BEEN UNAWARE OF U.S. INTEREST IN
THIS PROBLEM, MADE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY COMMENTS
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A. AS IMPORTANT IMPORTING COUNTRY WHICH NEVER-

THELESS LOYAL MEMBER OF LDC GROUP IN GENERAL AND ASEAN GROUP IN PARTICULAR, SINGAPORE TENDS TO BE SCHIZOPHRENIC ON EXPORT RESTRICTIONS.

B. IN LONG RUN, SINGAPORE WOULD PROBABLY FAVOR DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE IN CONTEXT OF MTN IF RULES "EQUITABLE" TO LDC'S AND IF SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS MADE ON STRICT BASIS OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE. HE SAID THAT NO ONE IS GOING TO GIVE ANYONE ANY PRESENTS IN THIS FIELD.

C. MANY LDC'S WILL BE EXTREMELY SUSPICIOUS OF MOTIVES OF U.S. AND OTHER DC'S. THEIR FIRST REACTION WILL BE TO PULL BACK AND TO TRY TO AVOID EVEN DISCUSSING EXPORT RESTRICTIONS. CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EXPLICATION WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE MOST LDC'S ARE READY TO ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS LOOKING TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF NEW DISCIPLINE IN FIELD.DALE

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